

BASE LAW STATE'S SUICIDE

LIAM HANLEY VOICES SENTIMENT OF LOCAL STOCKMEN.

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It is from the fact that the bill is popularly supposed to be the chief advocate of the bill in Oregon Mr. Hanley's statement is of great importance in the battle that is to be waged between the cattle interests and the sheepmen.

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WRITES ON DRY FARMING

MALHEUR COUNTY MAN ATTENDS DRY FARMING CONGRESS.

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By request and in accordance, with a promise made to the Second Trans-Missouri Dry Farming Congress, I send you this article, hoping thereby to in some part lay before your readers, and especially those people who are trying to farm lands in this county that are not subject to irrigation, and therein try to tell some truths that my observation leads me to regard as established, some theories that appear to be sensible and of value and such suggestions from what I have learned at the congress that may be of use and help to those who are trying to make homes by developing the arid lands.

The first preparation that confronts us in the consideration of this subject, and one that I think is established beyond doubt, is that the conditions of soil, the amount of precipitation, the direction and dryness of the winds are so various and different in each locality that no rules for the guidance of the dry farmer can be promulgated that can fit and meet all those different conditions, but we can advocate some general principles that experience has shown to be of advantage, and the following out of which have in all cases heard from resulted in an increased output and a better condition of the land for future crop.

Referring to the first preparation, I would not advise any one to attempt dry farming on land that has a hard pan sub-soil within less than three feet of the surface, preferably those locations where the soil is porous to a great depth; this occurs in nearly every section and it will be found that in the arid land of this county there is scarcely a 40-acre tract that is homogeneous differences of soil and sub-soil occurring in some instances in a distance of 20 feet.

After finding your land with the proper conditions comes the question of cultivation. I will give in this connection the practice that has been most successful in Utah, and which has given good results and consists of dividing the tract into two parts, seeding each part in alternate years, leaving the other part in summer fallow.

As to cultivation, PLOW. Plow deep. Put on plenty of teams and break the land if possible 10 inches deep. Plow in the fall as soon as the crops are harvested, plow across the slope of the land so that the furrow ridges will prevent the water from running off in the spring. As soon as the land can be worked without packing and clodding put on the disk and disk thoroughly, following with the scratch harrow until there is a perfect dust mulch, and at each and every time during the summer when a rain fall of sufficient quantity to form a crust, harrow as soon after the rain as the land can be worked without clodding.

The custom in Utah is to sow wheat in September. They have a hardy fall wheat the name of which I have forgotten. Whether sowing in the spring or fall, when your grain is up and after the spring rains harrow so as to break up all the crust that has formed and leave a light dust mulch.

As to seeding. Sow with a press drill, putting the seed down to moist ground, if you have to put it six inches, referring to wheat, and on no account sow more than 49 pounds of seed per acre. This is important and will be questioned by those farmers who have been in the habit of sowing 120 pounds.

Mr. Farrell of Cashe Valley, Utah, has been farming the same land for 40 years and last year on a field of 700 acres had an average of 40 bushels and 18 pounds.

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